

## FOR DEMOCRATS ONLY.

## Grand Juries Appear to Be Drawn to Hit One Political Party Only.

## No Attention Is Ever Called to the Misdeeds of Republican Barnacles or Boodlers.

## A Feeling that Some County Abuses Need Investigation Is Growing Much Stronger Every Day.

Every special grand jury called in Chicago for years has been called to investigate Democrats. Republicans who have stolen themselves rich never are bothered in this way.

If the Grand Jury is not a partisan body brought together for the purpose of bothering Democrats and helping Republicans, people are wondering why some of the following allegations are not investigated:

1. That the County Comptroller's office is used as a collection agency by Loan Sharks.

2. That the looting of county institutions by Republican contractors has been notorious for some time.

3. That because certain Republican bosses are interested in certain contracts that the robbery of the taxpayers by these contractors has been overlooked.

4. That certain county officials, members of the County Board, and others are and have been directly interested in contracts with the county, passed on by themselves.

5. That it is alleged by several witnesses that one of the County Comptroller's deputies declared openly in Reidy's saloon on Ogden avenue that he made over \$10,000 above his salary annually from other directions.

6. That the public press has repeatedly called attention to the fact that the county institutions have been furnished with fraudulent supplies by Republican county contractors and that the people have been robbed of hundreds of thousands of dollars in this manner.

7. That the chairman of the Finance Committee of the new County Board is on the bond given by the County Treasurer as County Collector, and that the County Collector retains as interest on deposits thousands of dollars which should be paid over to the public for the benefit of the taxpayers.

8. The payment of \$10,000 per year to the Sheriff for "dieting" bills.

9. The learned Judge did not call attention to the rumors which were current about the facts attendant on the renting of Republican County Commissioner Morris Rosenfeld's building to the county, at a big rental for the use of the County Board of Assessors and the County Board of Review.

10. The learned Judge had probably not heard of the report that certain officials in the County Civil Service were themselves engaged in the work of loaning money to county employees.

11. The learned Judge did not call attention to the fact that the Grand Jury to the fact that very few of the loan sharks appear on the tax assessment lists, nor did he ask that body to inquire why they were left off.

12. The learned Judge did not call attention to the fact that the building rented by the county at a high figure from Morris Rosenfeld, its owner, and the chairman of the Finance Committee of the County Board for the use of the Board of Review and County Assessors, was, and is, used by the Republican County Committee as a headquarters. The rent is paid by the taxpayers.

The Republican party has an awful record to go before the people on in the spring.

The extravagance of the Knopf-Lorimer crowd in the county offices is something fearful.

The gang who are now holding up the taxpayers of Cook County are the most barefaced and audacious in their methods of any tax-eaters we have ever heard of.

At the head of the avareicious assortment of political cronies in the County Clerk's office, the notorious Phil Knopf.

Knopf has succeeded in having the salaries of his pets raised until they are the best-paid set of public employees in the United States.

Phil Knopf holds three offices himself, to wit:

County Clerk.

Clerk of the County Court.

County Comptroller and Clerk of the County Board.

Lorimer's Tenth Ward Lieutenant, James Monaghan, is Knopf's Deputy Comptroller and Clerk of the County Board, and this man is paid for his nominal duties \$4,000 per year.

A few years ago the duties of this job were well performed by one man, who received but \$2,000 per year, and who had but one assistant.

But in order to curry favor with Lorimer, Knopf appointed Jim Mon-

\$4,000 per year, and has an office full of assistants, as is shown further on. Monaghan's salary of \$4,000 per year is greater than that of any man employed in the public service of the State of Illinois, with the exception of the Governor himself.

But the people have to stand it. Knopf and Lorimer have so willed it. Knopf's chief clerk in the County Clerk's office gets \$3,000 per year, while the chief clerk in the big Recorder's office only gets \$2,500 per year, as does also the chief clerk in the offices of the Superior, Circuit, Probate and Criminal Courts.

But Knopf doesn't care about saving the people's money, so his man gets more than any of them.

A few years ago there was but one marriage license clerk at \$1,500 a year.

Now there is a chief marriage license clerk at \$1,800, and two assistants at \$1,500 each.

This is probably to help out in Knopf's marriage bureau which is connected with the license department.

Phil Knopf's payrolls eat up \$220,940 a year!

How is that for high?

When it is understood that three-fourths of the men on them can be dispensed with, isn't it high time for the County Board to interfere?

The County Clerk's office itself has a payroll aggregating \$181,796 per annum.

The "County Comptroller's" office has a payroll aggregating \$16,840 per annum.

The "Clerk of the County Court" payroll aggregates \$28,334 per annum.

Total drawn on payrolls sworn to by Phil Knopf, \$220,940.

Reform is necessary.

Following is a complete list of the jobs in the various branches of Phil Knopf's bailiwick, with the monthly salaries attached:

Comptroller's Office—Deputy, comptroller and clerk of County Board, \$333.33; chief clerk and bookkeeper, \$250; minute clerk and record writer, \$208.33; bill clerk, \$106.66; assistant bookkeeper, \$150; cashier, \$125; comptroller's clerk, \$125; janitress, \$45. Total salaries, \$16,840.

County Clerk's Office—Chief deputy, \$250; cashier, \$208.33; bookkeeper, \$106.66; deputy, redemption department, \$150; nine assistant deputies, redemption department, \$125; receiving clerk, \$125; deputy, tax sales, \$125; deputy, tax extension, \$208.33; assistant deputy, tax extension and railroad tax, \$125; railroad warrant clerk, \$125; mail clerk, \$150; deputy, marriage license, \$150; two assistant deputies, marriage license, each \$125; deputy, vital statistics, \$125; map clerk, \$137; three assistant map clerks, \$100; vault clerk, first, \$100; vault clerk, second, \$75; vault clerk, books and papers, \$125; stenographer, \$100; watchman, day, \$90; watchman, night, \$70; 103 extra men on tax extension, special assessments and tax sales, etc., at \$3 to \$4 per day, according to qualification, \$128,956; total salaries, \$181,796.

Clerk of County Court—Chief clerk, \$208.33; clerk, assistant County Judge, \$208.33; assistant chief clerk, \$137.50; cashier and bookkeeper, \$106.66; record writer, \$150; assistant record writer, \$125; process clerk, \$150; recording clerk, \$125; two minute clerks, each \$117.50; general clerk, \$125; seven extra men on special assessment work, at \$3 and \$4 per day, \$8,794; total salaries, \$28,334.

The Sheriff, who is said to have a rake-off of \$25,000 per year from the jail "dieting bills," has a roving old payroll, which the new County Board should pay some attention to.

Here are the figures:

Sheriff's Office—Chief deputy, \$300; assistant sheriff, \$200; jailer, \$200; two assistant jailers, \$125; two inspectors, each \$200; twenty-eight deputies, each, \$195.66; real-estate clerk, \$150; execution clerk, \$150; summons clerk, \$150; assistant summons clerk, \$125; general clerk, \$125; three office clerks, each, \$100; two office clerks, each, \$83.33; jail clerk, \$125; assistant jail clerk, \$83.33; ninety-six bailiffs, each, \$105; forty-two jail guards, each, \$83.33; stenographer, \$100; office watchman, \$95; three jail matrons, each, \$50; teacher in jail, \$40; landress, \$40; two elevator men Criminal Court Building for carrying prisoners, each, \$75; engineer and elevator man, \$75; total salaries list in Sheriff's office not classified, \$201,626.

Custodian of Courthouse and Employees—Custodian, \$150; clerk, \$100; eight elevator men, each, \$75; twelve watchmen, each, \$65; fifteen janitors, each,

head janitress, \$83.33; twenty janitresses, each \$45; chief engineer, \$150; three assistant engineers, each, \$75; five firemen, each, \$60; fireman for six months, \$60; pumpman, \$90; two carpenters, each, \$88.40; coal passer, \$90; plumber, \$104; steamfitter at Courthouse and Criminal Court, \$104; assistant to same, \$65. Total salary fund, \$60,337.00.

Custodian of Criminal Court Building and Employees—Custodians, \$150; four elevator men, each, \$75; eight watchmen, each, \$65; ten janitors, each, \$60; two window cleaners, each, \$60; fourteen janitresses, each, \$45; chief engineer, \$150; three assistant engineers, each, \$75; five firemen, each, \$60; fireman for six months, \$60; pumpman and elevator repairer, \$75; two carpenters, each, \$88.40; plumber, \$104; coal passer, \$90. Total salaries, \$41,280.00.

Just think of it!

For merely "looking after" the Court House for a year, over \$100,000.

If this isn't extravagance, what is?

By the way, how is it that the "County Comptroller's" payroll contains provision for a janitress, and the "Custodian's" payroll provision for twenty more?

Looks strange, doesn't it?

The new County Board has a great work in front of it.

Retrenchment in the County Clerk's office.

Reductions in the County Comptroller's office.

Economy in the Clerk of the County Court's office.

Are demanded of the new County Board.

The Sheriff's dieting bills must be cut.

The Sheriff's payrolls must be reduced.

The "Custodian's" rolls must be weeded out.

The Republican party has raised the taxes of the people to feed its favorites.

The people will get even when they go to the polls in the spring.



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An investigation of the County Civil Service Commission will be asked of the next grand jury by the Citizens' Association unless the commissioners accede to the demands of the association.

A statement of the year's record of the County Commission is being prepared by President George E. Cole and Secretary Hoyt King. It will be made public this week.

In this statement it will be asserted that the entire procedure of the commission during the year has been in violation of the civil service law; that the commissioners have disregarded requirements and provisions binding upon them; and that they have conducted their office as an adjunct to a political machine.

It will be pointed out that the commission, according to its own report, has held but one examination during the year, and that it has made no attempt to hold promotional examinations in accordance with the spirit of the law. Complete evasion of and non-conformity with the law will be alleged against the commissioners.

A comparison of the work of the City Civil Service Commission with that of the County Commission is cited as proof of the contention of the association in regard to the inefficiency of the latter body. According to the year's reports, the County Commission held one examination. The City Commission held 100. The County Commissioners' report is cited as showing the following:

"The report of the commission shows a decrease in the number of trials, only twenty employees having been brought before the board for violation of the rules. One examination was held, 173 employees resigned, ten were promoted, seventeen were dismissed after trial, 204 certified to the President of the County Board for appointment, and six refused to accept after certification."

This, it is claimed, comprises the "work" of the County Commission.

"These commissioners," said Mr. Cole, "draw \$1,500 a year from the county without doing any work. We shall charge them with disregard of the law. It can be shown that they have manipulated their office as an adjunct to the party machine. We shall issue the statement containing our information on these facts to the members of the association, comprising 5,000 voters."

"We then shall take some steps to remedy the conditions which are shown to exist. We shall go before the grand jury with the material we have gathered against the commissioners unless some other means be found to force

## GIVE US A BIG CIGARETTE TAX.

The next Legislature should pass a law requiring all dealers in cigarettes to pay a license of \$1,000 per year. This is little enough.

With a license of this sort the city treasury would be enriched to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars and no one would be displeased.

Iowa and Tennessee have passed high cigarette license laws and the courts have upheld them.

A dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, says:

Cigarette smokers, take warning! Keep out of Iowa! The salience of the paper-covered tobacco is as hard to find in this State as a needle in a haystack.

The American Tobacco Company sent out the warning that made the cigarette dealers take to the woods. The company saw in the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Tennessee case a probability that the Iowa law taxing cigarette dealers \$300 a year would be sustained.

Dealers had been given to understand by the company that they would be protected against prosecutions for violation of this law as long as they sold the company's goods.

This protection was withdrawn by the company immediately after the decision in the Tennessee case, and this order was supplemented today by a letter announcing that sales would be discontinued and recalling all cigarettes and cigarette papers in the hands of Iowa dealers.

Tobaccoists all over the State are packing up their stocks, and they will be shipped back to the company to-day.

All the principal dealers say they will take no chances on paying the heavy tax, with penalties added. They say also that the tax is in effect prohibitory.

It was so intended by the author and by the Legislature.

The City Assessor this afternoon notified every cigarette dealer in Des Moines that he must at once appear at

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

For the correct hat, patronize Dunlap, the Palmer House hatter.

Try "Almanaris" on the side. It won't cost you any more than bottled lake water.

For tents, awnings and waterproof covers go to Murray & Co., 329-333 South Canal street. These people are leaders in this line of goods.

Make a lemonade from "Almanaris" water—very fine.

"Almanaris" is equal to imported water, and doesn't cost you any more than common old lake water, put up by local bottlers.

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Almanaris. "It is the Water of Life." Read Psychic Stream.

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Which may explain why men of taste, Who always get the best, Their heads by Dunlap hats are graced. When they would be well dressed; For Dunlap blocks, the critics tell, In style and texture all excel.

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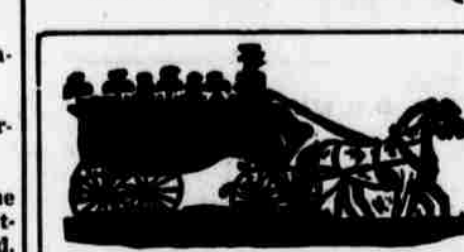
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